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IN THE DAYS OF REAL FIGHTING

KID LAVIGNE'S FINISH CAME WHEN HE MET BILLY SMITH

LAVIGNE'S LOSING BATTLE
WITH BILLY SMITH ONE OF
HIS MEMORIES OF RINGGreatest of Lightweights Went Out of His
Class to Meet Most Vicious of Fighters
After Fast Living Had Robbed Him of
Stamina—Saved From Knockout by Brother.

By Robert Edgren.

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No. 7 in the series tells how "Kid" Lavigne went out of his own class to win a title and lost.

THEY used to call "Kid" Lavigne, "The Cherub." He was broad and stocky and strong, and he fought like a fury whenever he entered the ring, but he looked as mild and innocent as a choir boy. Lavigne was noted for his desperate fighting. His battle with Joe Walcott, afterward known as the "Giant Killer," is one of the heroic memories of the ring. He whipped the "Black Demon" by sheer courage that could not recognize the possibility of defeat.

I saw the same quality shown by Lavigne the first time he ever met a master in the ring. It was in the battle with Mysterious Billy Smith, then welterweight champion of the world and one of the most vicious fighters that ever swung a fist.

Lavigne wanted the welter title. He was repeatedly urged to take on a match with Smith. He believed that he could whip any man from lightweight to middleweight. To date his own splendid strength and stamina had pulled him through many desperate fights. He had never felt that defeat was possible.

SUCCESS BROUGHT A LIKING
FOR THE BRIGHT LIGHTS.

Lavigne made a mistake in going out of his class, for one reason. Disappointment had pulled him down and taken away some of the stamina that made him king of all the little men. Victories and money had come too easily. He was immensely popular. He was always surrounded by "friends" anxious to entertain him. Even while he was training to fight Mysterious Billy Smith he slipped away now and then at night and spent a few hours in that part of San Francisco where the rustling of silk and the smell of stale liquors lingered until the dawn.

He liked the lights, the drinks, the flattery. And he didn't believe it possible that he could be whipped.

The great pavilion was packed to the sidewalk when the fight began. Lavigne, sitting in his corner, looked over at Smith with a cherubic smile. He was at home in the ring and he was pleasantly confident. He was ready. He had done a lot of boxing and running on the road, and felt good enough to whip anybody.

Mysterious Billy Smith watched Lavigne with a sneering smile. There was nothing cherubic about Smith. He was as tough and tough as they make 'em. He was just as anxious to get at it as Lavigne, for he knew of the Kid's little excursions to town and he should have been training, and he probably would have been quite confident of his ability to beat the little fellow anyway. He was much taller, longer in reach and heavier than Lavigne. Also he was a better and more skilful boxer. The odds were very much in his favor.

When the fight began Lavigne rushed from his corner and sailed into Mysterious Billy as if he intended to solve the mystery in the first round. But Smith boxed carefully, blocked every blow and stepped away. He evaded Lavigne's punches narrowly. Few of them reached him. And every now and then he shot a puny but heavily aimed jab wickedly as it landed. He could hit Lavigne, and the Kid was having a lot of trouble taking him.

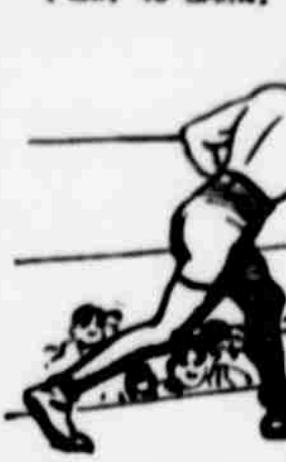
Smith, round and round, Lavigne pressed hard. He plunged into the fight like an agile little bull rushing at the matador. Sneering, Smith landed heavily almost whenever he pleased, but there was no sign of a letup in Lavigne's attack. He stuck to it persistently. And occasionally he ripped in a side-swing and stopped grinning and hastily retired a yard or two.

THE BEGINNING OF END IN FOURTEENTH ROUND.

I remember when the tide of the battle began to turn. It looked as if Lavigne would surely win. Mysterious Billy down, Smith was retreating and Lavigne going after him with the tenacity of a bulldog.

Lavigne rushed. Smith stepped back. Suddenly Smith stopped. He swung a terrific uppercut, which barely grazed Lavigne's jaw and shot past so hard that Smith's arm was left momentarily sticking up in the air over his head. "Ah!" exclaimed the crowd. Lavigne's rush stopped suddenly. Smith, sneering, pulled down his hand and moved in toward the lightweight champion. Lavigne, Smith and everyone around the ring knew that if it had landed that blow would have lifted Lavigne from his feet and flung him over in the air like an acrobat. It was a revelation of the power Smith held in reserve.

The beginning of the end didn't come until the fourteenth round. At that time Lavigne was still rising doggedly, but was losing some of his speed. Smith, watchful, sneering, savage, was waiting his chance.

FROM THE START
LAVIGNE CARRIED THE
FIGHT TO SMITH.

TO-DAY'S GOLF SCHEDULE.

Indian summer weather and crowded golf links. That is today's bulletin for the golf world. Many clubs around New York will hold tournaments which will surely call out thousands of players. Following is the day's schedule:

Westfield club championship, Presidents' cup tournament at Baltusrol, Forest Park, Fox Hills and Haux County, fall tournament at Upper Montclair, club handicap at Ardley, club championship at Oakland, Governor's cup at North Jersey, club team match at Ridge-wood, Otley cup at Nassau, monthly handicap at St. Andrew's and Scotch foursomes at Wyckoff.

THE FINISH OF KID LAVIGNE AS A CHAMPION, HANDS DOWN AND HELPLESS BUT REFUSING TO SURRENDER.

SMITH TO LAND FINISHING BLOW.

Near the end of the fourteenth round Lavigne was practically through. He couldn't see, for Smith's heavy smashes were fast closing his eyes. He was still plunging in, but he was swinging wildly at a man he couldn't see, sometimes missing by a yard. Mysterious Billy, grinning an evil grin, was enjoying his own sensations, the feeling of victory, the applause of the crowd.

Smith began planting blow after blow, deliberately. A dozen times Lavigne went down, only to leap up without waiting for a count. It wasn't in him to believe he could be knocked down, much less kept down. At last Lavigne's endurance reached its limit. He stood with arms hanging at his sides, head down, knees bent. A push would have sent him down. Smith, grinning still, moved in close and deliberately sent him the finishing blow. He drew his fist back slowly. He was enjoying every second of it. He was in no hurry.

Right here the suspense overcame Kid Lavigne's brother, who was his chief second. He couldn't stand back and let the Kid be knocked out. Tossing the sponge in ahead of him, he leaped into the ring and with a rush caught Mysterious Billy and shoved him away before he could deliver his finishing blow. Turning, he seized the tottering and all but senseless Kid and carried him to his corner, protesting and struggling.

Lavigne never believed that he was whipped in that fight. He thought he could have come back. For years he didn't speak to the brother who had saved him from a knockout.

But the fight was the beginning of the end for the great Lavigne. In his next fight he lost his lightweight title to Frank Erne, on decision. And after that he gradually drifted into oblivion.

Notes From the Golf Links

Mrs. William J. Faith of Wyckoff, N. J., called a large field in the one-day golf tournament over the links of the Wyckoff Country Club yesterday. The winner was the round in 94, and with her two-stroke handicap had first claim on both the gross and net prizes. The playing of J. W. Newkirk featured the tournament of the Wyckoff Golf Association at the Baltusrol Club yesterday. Newkirk made the eighteen hole in 74. He held a million shot from twenty yards. Despite this sensational feat Newkirk failed to get a place on the prize list. The leading scores in the classes were:

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Lannin Blames Phillies
For Calling Off Baseball
Trip of Champion Teams

Boston Man Was Ready to Finance Tour Himself—Reported That Real Hitch Was Disagreement Over Division of Profits.

By Bozeman Bulger.

PRESIDENT JOE LANNIN of the champion Red Sox kept the wires hot last night denying that the Boston players were responsible for the abandonment of the tour of the World's Series teams to the coast. Lannin is shifting the blame on the Phillies. "I was ready to finance the trip myself," said the Boston magnate, "but it looked to me as if the Philadelphia players were more anxious to attend a banquet in Philadelphia to-morrow than start on the tour. We were ready to open up in Chicago on Sunday, but the other fellows wouldn't start until after the banquet."

There are rumors, however, that

the real cause of the break came over the money end of the trip. The players didn't want any so-called magnates or promoters cutting in on the profits unless the latter were willing to guarantee a certain amount and expenses. It was just a case of where the players wanted to get all the profits. According to the original arrangements the club owners were to share in the profits.

The late World's Series may have had its faults, but for keen, analytical "inside ball"—the kind that is seen in the sporting pages but never on the diamond—this one probably established a new record.

Perhaps the most remarkable of these uncanny bits of strategy—the one that gave the game its best inside laugh—came to light immediately following the winning of the second game by George Foster. He did the hitting as well as the pitching. If you will remember, that night a long browed Boston writer came rushing into the press headquarters, with nose glasses awry and hair disheveled, to whisper the most sensational incident of the "series." He was all worked up and simply had to get it off his chest even at the cost of losing a "beat" for his paper.

He told us of how the leader of the Boston Royal Routers had saved the day by ordering the band to play the "Star Spangled Banner" just as Foster reached second after a two base wallop. For a moment we all looked blank.

"Don't you get it?" he demanded to know. "Listen: That long run had put Foster out of breath. It was necessary that he have a breathing spell so that he could score the winning run as well as pitch the next inning. Seeing this, the leader had the band play the national air. Naturally, everybody had to stand up and take off their hats. While they were doing so Foster got his rest and consequently won the game!"

That's bad, eh?

The New York Club denied again the report that Helms Zimmerman of the Cubs was coming to New York in exchange for Larry Doyle. This rumor will creep out again before the snow flies. It's the last straw for the writers who have to dig up sensations.

Palmer Wins on Foul.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 16.—Former Lodge, who substituted for Hagney, the Australian oarsman, made a surprisingly good showing against Al Palmer last night in their bout. Lodge had a big edge the first two rounds. In the third round, with Palmer clinging to him like death, Lodge was disqualified for not breaking when ordered by Referee Whitmore to do so. The decision was unpopular and the crowd hooted Whitmore. Eddie Wallace of Brooklyn outpointed Billy Whalen of St. Paul.

RACING SELECTIONS.

LAUREL.

First Race—His Nibs, Luther, Robbetta.
Second Race—Pesky, Poloma, Fern Rock.
Third Race—Yankee Notions, Ehan Allen, Scamman.
Fourth Race—Roamer, Stromboli, Gainer.
Fifth Race—All Smiles, Marshon, Yodeling.
Sixth Race—Tom Hancock, Billie Baker, Trovato.

LATONIA.

First Race—Red Cross, Tony Fashion, John W. Klein.
Second Race—Solus, Korfhage, Dr. Carmen.
Third Race—Distillation, Goldcrest, Roy, Resign.
Fourth Race—T. C. McDowell, entry, G. J. Long entry, T. C. Bradley, Star Jasmine.
Fifth Race—Stanley S. Big Dipper, Grosvenor.
Sixth Race—Erin, Reno, Surpassing.

GRIDIRON STARS PLAY
ON COLUMBIA SCRUBS
IN PRACTICE SESSION

Three Former Harvard Men and Thorp in Line-Up Against Varsity.

The Columbia football men were given a good workout yesterday. It was probably the best test had thus far and Coach Metcalfe got a good line on his first team material.

In the final scrimmage between the varsity and the makeshift combination Metcalfe placed himself and "like" Teifer at ends and Paul Withington, former Harvard center, and Harry Kereberg, Harvard guard, as guards on the scrubs. In the back field were Tom Thorp, A. L. Simson, formerly of Oberlin, and Frank Fisher, freshman coach against this combination the varsity made a strong showing.

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Bowling Strikes and Spares

Bowlers who enter in The Evening World three-man team amateur tournament may have additional prizes to contest for if the offer that has been made by a large concern is accepted. Entries continue to come in with every mail, and it is very evident that the tourney has a series of match games. Himmelsbach, by the way, holds the high score record of 198 for dummies at these alleys.

The New York Central Bowling League will start its tournament at Glenn Riddell's Metropolitan Academy the latter part of next week.

In the American National tourney at

Thum's alleys last night the following scores were rolled: Spartan, 174, vs. Lenox, 99; Spartan, 177, vs. Lenox, 97; Pennay, 76, vs. Lenox, 98; in the pen, 747, 831, 800, vs. H. A. Caesar & Co., 811, 897, 798.

In the free headline tournament at Cordes's Grand Central Alleys Eddie Ware and O. Cottrell were awarded all-star fobs for rolling 198 and 197 respectively.

The Crotona champion five-man team have accepted the challenge by a Dyckman team for a series on Friday, Oct. 22, at the Helms & Kleinert alleys.

An interesting match game has been arranged by Bert Bergman for the Bergman alleys on Nov. 14. The contest will be Jimmie Watt and Glenn Riddell, erstwhile bowling champions.

The employees of the Bronx branch of the Public Service Commission have organized a bowling league and will start a tournament at the Hunts Point Academy about Nov. 1.

Jeff Smith, the Bayonne, N. J., middleweight, has just returned home from Australia with his manager, Al Lippe. Jeff has been away just one year, and during his stay in Australia he took part in six fights. Manager Lippe told the writer that Smith made close to \$50,000 out of his battles, but was not including his end of the contract with Lee Darcy, which the promoter held because Smith had lost on a foul. Lippe and Baker, but lost the case, and he has appealed to the higher courts.

Jack Bulger, manager of Charley "Young" Weiner, the Newark heavyweight, says that if Jack Dillon or his manager, Murrow, fail to put in an appearance at 2 P. M. to-day to arrange all details for the proposed ten-round

Football Games To-Day Give Big Teams
Tuning Up for Real Battles Next Week

Harvard's Game Against Virginia Is Final Workout for Annual Tussle With Cornell Oct. 23—Lafayette at Princeton.

By William Abbott.

TO-DAY marks the end of the try-out season for most of the big football teams. Opponents for the big fellows were carefully picked to give just the necessary tuning up for the championship period which opens next week when Cornell takes a shot at Harvard.

On the day's card appear but three hard games—the Princeton-Lafayette, Army-Colgate and Navy-Penn battles. Other leading eleveners seem to have fairly easy opposition, though there's always the chance of an unexpected reversal.

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both the Navy and Penn have been defeated in early games. Both teams have been handled by new coaches, the Middies by Head Coach Ingraham, while Penn's case has been managed by a board of graduate mentors. The two teams look to be fairly well matched for to-day's scrap, though both have been very uncertain. Last season Penn beat the Middies 18-6.

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Yale will need a good scoring punch against Lafayette. The Pennsylvania generally manage to give Old Nassau a stiff argument every year. The Tigers, though unusually small and light, have shown up well on the defense in their early games, but the team's attack was a big disappointment. Head Coach Rush gave special offense lessons this week and Princeton supporters will closely study the Lafayette game to see how much scoring power the Orange and Black has developed.

Colgate is one of the best "minor" eleveners and should be helpful to the West Point coaches in trying out some of the new Army players. Coach Daly was compelled to fill the places left vacant by Pritchard and Merrill, the forward-passing combination that practically beat the Middies twice. The Cadets have good material this season, but it needs a hard test. The Colgate contest should serve this purpose.

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BIG FOOTBALL GAMES.

Cornell at Harvard, Oct. 23.
Dartmouth at Princeton, Oct. 23.
Penn vs. Dartmouth at Boston, Nov. 6.
Harvard at Princeton, Nov. 6.
Brown at Yale, Nov. 6.
Princeton at Yale, Nov. 10.
Yale at Harvard, Nov. 13.
Cornell vs. Penn at Ithaca, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving).
Army-Navy at Polo Grounds Nov. 27.

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